

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE UNDER SOIL CONSERVATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the financial assistance granted by the Government to Bihar under soil conservation scheme during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to grant more financial assistance to the State for soil conservation particularly in the drought hit areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Since November 2000, 27 Schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) were subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) which is being implemented in the country, including Bihar. State Governments prioritize allocation of funds to individual schemes under MMA.

The schemes subsumed under MMA include two schemes relating to soil conservation namely, Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River and National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas.

Ministry of Rural Development (MORD) is also implementing two schemes namely, Drought Prone Areas Programme and Integrated Wasteland Development Programme in the country including Bihar, in which soil conservation is one of the components.

The funds released to Bihar under MMA and MoRD schemes mentioned above in last 3 years are:

Year	MoA	MoRD
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2000-01	352.50	100.10
2001-02	1800.00	308.06
2002-03	1250.00	315.75

Total	3402.50	724.00
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(b): No such proposal for additional fund from State Government of Bihar has been received under MMA or under the related schemes of MORD.

(c): Does not arise.